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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SEATO: PROPOSED NEW INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

REF: A. BANGKOK 0005

B. BANGKOK 1426

C. STATE 22189

1. AFTER SEVERAL MONTHS OF OFTEN ANGUISHED DELIBERATIONS BY JOINT PWG/MILADREP COMMITTEE, AGREEMENT HAS FINALLY BEEN REACHED ON TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR NEW INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS. DETAILS ARE CONTAINED IN SCR/SMA/74/D-21 OF MAY 13 BEING POUCHED TO EA/RA AND CINCPAC.

2. MAJOR CHANGES FROM FORMER INTELLIGENCE ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE (IAC) MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOW:

A. MEETING SHALL BE HELD AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR.

B. OUTLINE FOR INDIVIDUAL CUNTRY PAPERS HAS BEEN DRASTICALLY CONDENSED AND, AT SAME TIME, WILL NO LONGER ADDRESS SOLELY SUBVERSIVE AND INSURGENT THREATS. NEW BRIEFER OUTLINE IS BROKEN DOWN INTO THREE MAIN CATEGORIES, I.E., 1) IMPACT OF POLITICAL AND ECNOMIC DEVELOPMENTS, 2) HOST COUNTRY MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS AND 3) INSURGENT
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AND SUBVERSIVE MOVEMENTS. COUNTRY PAPERS WOULD NOT BE

CONSIDERED AS DRAFTS, AS IN PAST, BUT FINAL PAPERS TO BE USED AS BASIS FOR DISCUSSION AND TO PRECLUDE EDITING EXERCISE WHICH HAS CHARACTERIZED PAST IAC MEETINGS. AUTHOR NATION RESPONSIBILITY FOR INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY PAPERS WOULD REMAIN UNCHANGED EXCEPT FOR ONE EXCEPTION (SEE PARA 3 BELOW).

C. MEMBER COUNTRIES AND SEC GEN MAY PROPOSE SPECIAL TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION BY THE COMMITTEE 45 DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

D. COMMITTEE'S FINAL REPORT WOULD CONSIST OF: 1) PAPER PREPARED BY SEATO ON OVERALL DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN TREATY AREA WHICH WOULD BE REFINED BY COMMITTEE, 2) INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY PAPERS AND 3) A SUMMARY OF THE COMMITTEE'S DISCUSSIONS.

3. THAILAND HAS REQUESTED THAT EITHER AUSTRALIA OR THE US ALSO SUBMIT COUNTRY ON NORTH VIETNAM. (WE WOULD STILL BE REQUIRED SUBMIT PAPERS ON SOUTH VIETNAM AND LAOS WHILE AUSTRALIA WOULD CONTINUE SUBMIT PAPERS ON INDONESIA AND KHMER REPUBLIC. AUSTRALIAN PWG REP AWAITING GOA REACTION TO REQUEST. IN EXPECTATION THAT SUCH REACTION MAY NOT BE POSITIVE, WE RECOMMEND THAT US FAVORABLY CONSIDER SATISFYING RTG INSISTENCE ON PAPER RE NORTH VIETNAM.

4. UPDATING OF SEATO SEAPS 7 AND 8 AND HANDBOOK ON SOUTH VIETNAMESE, LAOTIAN AND KHMER MILITARY FORCES, HANGOVERS FROM FORMER SEATO MILITARY INTELLIGENCE MEETINGS, WOULD BE INCLUDED ON AGENDA. THIS WOULD BE A CINCPAC RESPONSIBILITY.

5. BOTH UK AND THAILAND HAVE PROPOSED THAT FIRST MEETING BE HELD THIS SEPTEMBER. ALL OTHER MEMBERS ARE AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS ON TIMING.

6. COUNCIL REPS AT MAY MEETING SOMETIME WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS WILL BE ASKED TO APPROVE TERMS OF REFERENCE.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: A) DEPARTMENT AND CINCPAC'S
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CONCURRENCE IN PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE BY COB MAY 24,
B) REACTIONS TO A SEPTEMBER MEETING AND C) DEPARTMENT'S
AGREEMENT TO SUBMIT PAPER ON NORTH VIETNAM.
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